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North Carolina House of Representatives  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-1096**

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**HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON A COMPREHENSIVE RAIL SERVICE PLAN  
FOR NORTH CAROLINA**

**TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE  
NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Section 1.** The House Select Committee on a Comprehensive Rail Service Plan for North Carolina (hereinafter "Committee") is established by the Speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6(a1) and Rule 26(a) of the Rules of the House of Representatives of the 2009 General Assembly.

**Section 2.** The Committee consists of the 19 members listed below, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Members serve at the pleasure of the Speaker, and vacancies are filled by the Speaker. The Speaker of the House of Representatives may dissolve the Committee at any time.

Representative Rapp	<b>Chair</b>
Representative Allen	
Representative Barnhart	
Representative Carney	
Representative Coates	
Representative Cole	
Representative Dockham	
Representative Earle	
Representative Frye	
Representative Goodwin	
Representative Hilton	
Representative Iler	
Representative Ingle	
Representative Martin	
Representative McComas	
Representative Parmon	
Representative Ross	
Representative Steen	
Representative Sutton	

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**Section 3.** The Committee may study all of the following:

1. Development of a comprehensive plan for freight and passenger rail service for the State, in coordination with federal rail service plans and the existing national rail system.
2. The estimated cost of a comprehensive rail plan and appropriate mechanisms including federal, State, and local and private funding sources and bonds to finance its implementation.
3. The benefits of expanding and upgrading rail passenger and freight service, the effect expanded service would have on economic development, tourism, and job creation, and the importance of rail expansion to the State ports and across the State.
4. The cost and benefits of expanding passenger and freight rail service to the western and eastern areas of the State.
5. The need for more efficient, accessible, and reliable rail service to military bases in the State.
6. The role and impact of short-line railroads in the overall comprehensive rail plan of the State.
7. Ways to utilize and preserve unused or abandoned rail corridors for future rail needs.
8. The feasibility, cost, and benefits of establishing commuter rail service in the major urban areas of the State.
9. Issues related to the corridor to the North Carolina Railroad and land and business owners located adjacent to the corridor.
10. Other passenger and freight related rail issues that the Committee identifies in the course of its study.

**Section 4.** The Committee shall meet upon the call of its Chair. A quorum of the Committee shall be a majority of its members. No action may be taken except by a majority vote at a meeting at which a quorum is present.

**Section 5.** The Committee, while in the discharge of its official duties, may exercise all powers provided for under G.S. 120-19 and Article 5A of Chapter 120 of the General Statutes.

**Section 6.** Members of the Committee shall receive per diem, subsistence, and travel allowance as provided in G.S. 120-3.1.

**Section 7.** The expenses of the Committee including per diem, subsistence, travel allowances for Committee members, and contracts for professional or consultant services shall be paid upon the written approval of the Speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to G.S. 120-32.02(c) and G.S. 120-35 from funds available to the House of Representatives for its operations.

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Individual expenses of \$5,000 or less, including per diem, travel, and subsistence expenses of members of the Committee, and clerical expenses shall be paid upon the authorization of the Chair of the Committee. Individual expenses in excess of \$5,000 shall be paid upon the written approval of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

**Section 8.** The Legislative Services Officer shall assign professional and clerical staff to assist the Committee in its work. The Director of Legislative Assistants of the House of Representatives shall assign clerical support staff to the Committee.

**Section 9.** The Committee may meet at various locations around the State in order to promote greater public participation in its deliberations.

**Section 10.** The Committee may submit an interim report on the results of the study, including any proposed legislation, on or before May 1, 2010, by filing a copy of the report with the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the House Principal Clerk, and the Legislative Library. The Committee shall submit a final report on the results of its study, including any proposed legislation, to the members of the House of Representatives prior to the convening of the 2011 General Assembly by filing the final report with the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the House Principal Clerk, and the Legislative Library. The Committee terminates upon the convening of the 2011 General Assembly or upon the filing of its final report, whichever occurs first.

Effective this the 22nd day of January, 2010.

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Joe Hackney  
Speaker